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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - OCTOBER 16-18, 1976

1. HIGHLIGHTS--

-- U.S. COVERAGE IS FAIRLY HEAVY, WITH CARTER ADVISOR
BRZEZINSKI EMERGING AS A SILVER LINING SUPPORTING "CONTINUITY".

--THE NATIONAL DAY SLOGANS, CARRIED IN ALL CENTRAL
NEWSPAPERS OCT 16, SHOWS NO MAJOR CHANGES IN POLICY LINE
BUT HAVE SEVERAL MINOR REVISIONS ON AGRICULTURE AND ON
FOREIGN AFFAIRS: CAMBODIA IS DROPPED, SPAIN ADDED;
"PROLETARIAN " IS ADDED TO INTERNATIONALISM IN SOVIET-EE
PARTY RELATIONS, AND AFRICA IS REVISED SLIGHTLY (SEPTTEL).

-- MONGOLIAN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT TSEDENBAL ARRIVED
ON OCT 18 FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT. THE PRESS AND TELEVISION
GAVE THE USUAL BUILDUP FOR A HIGH-LEVEL VISIT, SETTING
THIS APART FROM TSEDENBAL'S NUMEROUS OTHER TRIPS TO THE USSR.

--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA (OCT 16) ANNOUNCE THAT NEPALESE
KING BIRENDRA WILL VISIT MOSCOW IN THE SECOND HALF OF
NOVEMBER.

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-- PRAVDA OCT 16 HAS DOUBLE-BARRELLED BLAST AT FRENCH
OVER GISCARD'S INTERVIEW FOR FRENCH TV DURING FRANCE-SOVIET
WEEK. FIRST ARTICLE FROM TASS PARIS REPLAYS L'HUMANITE
CRITIQUE OF FRENCH PRESIDENT FOR NOT MENTIONING SOME OF
NEGATIVE "FACTS" ON FRENCH SIDE, E.G., INFLATION, UNEMPLOY-
MENT, HIGHER (THAN SOVIET) HOUSING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT
COSTS. ON FOREIGN POLICY PRAVDA REPEATS CRITICISM
VOICED BY L'HUMANITE THAT FRANCE NOT PARTICIPANT IN CCD

OF MBFR, AND CONTRASTS ANNOUNCED POLICY OF INDEPENDENCE WITH "REALITY OF ITS ATALNTICISM." SECOND STORY IS LOCAL TASS DEFENSE AGAINST AND REFUTATION OF FIGARO ASSERTION THAT SOVIET TV CENSORED FRENCH CHIEF OF STATE. DENYING ANY CUTS ON TV STORY TASS ITEM, ALSO JUSTIFIED TASS AND CENTRAL PRESS FAILURE TO CARRY FULL TEXT BY ARGUING THAT INTERVIEW WAS NOT WITH SOVIET NEWSMEN, BUT WITH FRENCH, AND THAT TEXTUAL COVERAGE WAS AS EXTENSIVE AS IN FRENC PRESS.

-- PRAVDA OCT 16 REPORTS PERVIOUS DAY'S MEETING IN GENEVA OF SALT DELEGATION HEADS.

-- PRAVDA OCT 16 ALSO NOTES VISIT OF THREE SOVIET SHIPS TO YUGOSLAVIA OCT 16-19. SOVIET HELICOPTER CRUISER, LENINGRAD, LEADS GROUP.

-- HIGHLIGHT OF M.E. COVERAGE IS OCT 18 PRAVDA "OBSERVER" ARTICLE ON LEBANON (SEPTTEL). ARTICLE WAS FORE-SHADOWED BY O. ALOV ARTICLE ON LEBANESE SITUATION IN OCT 15 NOVOYE VREMYA. OTHER WEEKEND COVERAGE ON LEBANON DESCRIBES CONTINUED SYRIAN MILITARY PRESSURE ON PALESTINIANS AND LEFTIST FORCES AND MENTIONS LIBYA'S RECALL OF ITS AMBASSADOR TO DAMASCUS. FIRST HALF OF OCT 17 KZ "INTERNATIONAL MILITARY-POLITICAL REVIEW" COLUMN BY V. VINOGRADOV AND V. BEREZIN IS ON LEBANESE SITUATION. ARTICLE DESCRIBES SYRIAN MILITARY OFFENSIVE, BUT FOCUSES ON U.S.-ISRAELI INVOLVEMENT, GOALS, AND ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY IN LEBANON.

-- WEEKEND AFRICA COVERAGE CONTINUES OBLIGATORY REHASH OF COMMENTS AND COVERAGE OF PAST WEEK'S ANGOLA AND SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE ACTIVITY. SLIGHTLY NEW TWIST IS PROVIDED BY INTERVIEW IN OCT 16 IZVESTIYA WITH AAPSO DEP CHAIRMAN VASOS LYSSARIDES ON EVE OF AAPSO SPECIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONFERENCE OF SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA SCHEDULED FOR ADDIS ABABA OCT 30-31. LYSSARIDES WARNS OF EFFORT OF IMPERIALISTS TO CREATE "ILLUSION" OF SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF TRANSFER OF POWER IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, SAYS GOAL OF ASPSO CONFERENCE IS TO EXPOSE MANEUVER OF IMPERIALISTS --"ABOVE ALL USA"--AND TO PUBLICIZE FACT THAT PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA CANNOT COUNT ON HELP OF IMPERIALIST "MEDIATION" BUT MUST ORIENT THEMSELVES TOWARD SUPPORT OF THEIR TRUE FRIENDS--THE SOVIET UNION AND THE SOCIALIST CAMP.

-- OCT 16 IZVESTIYA MENTIONS MEETING BETWEEN CHAIRMAN, STATE COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, SKACHKOV AND MADAGASCAR MIN. FINANCE AND PLANNING, RAZAKABOANA.

-- OCT 16 PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY SHORT NOTE ON

STATEMENT BY COMORO ISLANDS "ORGANS OF SECURITY" WHICH REPORTEDLY REVEALED A REACTIONARY PLOT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT.

-- OCT 16 PRAVDA HAS A "RETORT" BY F. TARASOV ON "VOICE OF FREE AFRICA"-- A PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM BEAMED TO ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE FROM SALISBURY.

-- IZVESTIYA OCT 15 CARRIES REPORT OF FREETOWN PRESS CONFERENCE BY SWAPO PRESIDENT NUJOMA AND OCT 15 NOVOYE VREMYA DESCRIBES OCT 9 DAR-ES-SALAAM PRESS CONFERENCE BY ZIMBABWE LIBERATION MOVEMENT LEADERS NKOMO AND MUGABE.

-- OCT 16 IZVESTIYA MENTIONS MEETING THAT DAY BETWEEN DEP. CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF MINISTER ARKHIPOV AND CUBAN DEPUTY P.M. RODRIGUEZ.
OCT 18 PRAVDA MENTIONS TALKS IN HAVANA BETWEEN FIDEL CASTRO AND GUINEA-BISSAU PRESIDENT LUIS CABRAL.

2. U.S. COVERAGE FEATURES SPASM OF PLEASURE OVER BRZEZINSKI'S REMARKS IN WASHINGTON CRITICIZING ADMINISTRATION "TWISTS AND TURNS" ON DETENTE AND SUPPORTING CONTINUATION OF POLICY. NY TASS ITEM CARRIED ON TASS ENGLISH OCT 17 WAS REPRINTED IN PRAVDA OCT 18 WITH TWO PASSAGES IN HEAVY BLACK TYPE: "THE UNITED STATES IS MAKING UNWISE TWISTS AND TURNS IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY, CAUSING UNNECESSARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONFRONTATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION" AND "SUCH UNWISE TURNS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH TO FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS POISON THE PUBLIC'S IMAGE OF DETENTE WITH THE SOVIET UNION. SUCH A POLICY STANDS IN THE WAYS OF COOPERATION WITH THE USSR." PRAVDA'S OCT 17 INTERNATIONAL REVIEW BY YAKHONTOV USED BRZEZINSKI TO REBUT WESTERN ATTEMPTS TO "SIMPLIFY AND DISTORT" ESSENCE OF DETENTE AND "ANALOGOUS REMARKS" BY CERTAIN "USA STATE AND GOVERNMENT ACTIVISTS", ALTHOUGH IT NOTED HIS CALL TO COMBINE "COOPERATION WITH SUBSTANCE" IN DEALINGS WITH USSR.

-- FURTHER ON CRITICAL SIDE, YAKHONTOV PICKED OUT ARMS AID TO ISRAEL, ALLEGED SPANISH AGREEMENT TO ALLOW RESUPPLY OF ISRAEL THROUGH U.S. BASE FACILITIES REPORTED BY WP AND UNPRECEDENTEDLY LARGE NATO MANEUVERS AS EVIDENCE OF GAP BETWEEN STATEMENTS "OF BOTH CANDIDATES" IN FAVOR OF CONTINUING DETENTE AND "PRACTICAL MATTERS."

-- SHARP SLAP AT SECRETARY FOR TV INTERVIEW REMARKS ON SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD U.S. POLICY IN AFRICA (OCT 15 WASHINGTON TASS ITEM CARRIED BY TASS ENGLISH OCT 16) CARRIED BY OCT 16 KRASNAYA ZVEZDA, BUT NOT YET BY PRAVDA.

-- OCT 16 NY TASS ITEM ON ALLEGED CIA USE OF LATVIAN
WAR CRIMINAL LAIPIEKS CARRIED BY OCT 17 KZ, NOT BY PRAVDA.

-- OCT 18 PRAVDA CARRIES HARSH "RETORT" BY SENIOR
COMMENTATOR V. KORIONOV TO (UNIDENTIFIED) CSM PIECE ALLEGING
PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE IS MERELY COVER FOR SOVIET PURSUIT
OF CLASSIC GOAL OF MAKING WORLD COMMUNIST.

-- ABOVE SURVEY OMITTS STEADY DRUMFIRE OF ANTI-PENTAGON
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